

The Borough of Bowmanstown Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2024

The Bowmanstown Borough Council meeting was called to order by President Pam Leiby at 7:00 PM, members present were Vice-President Darren Thomas, Rob Moyer, Norman Engle, Jr., Robert Sikorsky, Kara Scott, Candace Rodrigues, Secretary Tracy Csrenko, and Engineer Jessica Rehrig. Solicitor Lisa Pereira via telephone, Mayor Zachary Snyder was absent.

Visitors

Terry Ahner, Times News
BRCTV13
Ben Price
Raine Neal
Christine Bottcher

Approval for

1. **Motion by Kara Scott to approve the minutes of March 19, 2024 Borough Council Meeting, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC.**
2. **Motion by Kara Scott to approve the General Treasurer’s Report dated April 2, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC.**
3. **Motion by Rob Moyer to approve the Sewer Treasurer’s Report dated April 2, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC.**
4. **Motion by Rob Moyer to approve the Garbage Treasurer’s Report dated April 2, 2024 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC.**

Correspondence

Subject	Date	Summary
Minutes	03/19/24	Bowmanstown Borough Authority March meeting minutes
Minutes	03/26/24	Bowmanstown Planning Commission March meeting minutes
Zoning	04/01/24	Zoning Violation letter

Solicitor

1. Nothing to report

Engineer

1. Surveyed Mill Street and performed PA One Call to build base mapping for Mill Street project plans
2. Preparing the CDBG grant application and estimate for Lincoln Avenue – Phase I, to go hand and hand with the \$187,000.00 that was awarded from the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant, this will cover 600 feet of Lincoln Avenue in from Lehigh Street

Unfinished Business

1. **Motion by Rob Moyer to adopt Resolution 2024-04 Authorizing Submittal of Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant Application for a Park Development Project, 2nd Kara Scott, Roll Call: R.Sikorsky-Nay, K.Scott-Yeah, N.Engle-Yeah, C.Rodrigues-Nay, D.Thomas-Nay, R.Moyer-Yeah, P.Leiby-Nay, 3-4 vote, motion does not carry**
2. Council will follow up with the Post Office Lease
3. Will obtain quotes for brighter lighting for the tunnel under 248
4. St Luke’s attorney reached out to James Preston and is looking to enter into the professional services escrow to allow for a meeting between borough representatives and St Luke’s development team to try and come up with a way to address the sewer issue at the building on Bank Street. The next step is for them to enter into the agreement and post the escrow for the meeting and then have the discussion. St Luke’s would like to come to an arrangement with the borough due to the cost of connection, they want to see if there is another avenue to be taken.

New Business

1. **Motion by Darren Thomas to approve the quote received for the double wall pipe for the drain that needs to be replaced on Fireline Road in the amount of \$5,295.00, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**

Committee Reports

Fire

1. Nothing to report

Law

1. Nothing to report

Personnel

1. Committee has almost completed the Step Program
2. Will be scheduling a meeting with the committee to complete the Employee Handbook

Budget & Finance

1. Borough insurance renews May 1st, hoping to have a quote for a workshop meeting before the renewal date

Property & Special

1. Retaining wall repair will be placed on the pending list
2. Solar Panels with lease option will be placed on the pending list

Sewer, Sanitation, & Water Liaison

1. East Penn Township Supervisor's will not allow a Hold Harmless Agreement to allow Chris Bixler to enter their pump station to obtain daily flow numbers
2. Increased I & I from East Penn Township and then a one tank plant kill from a chemical burst
3. Rob was able to speak with 5 out of the 8 remaining residents in regards to whether they have sump pumps, these 5 stated they do not have a sump pump
4. Reed bed clean out will take place the week of April 22nd

Streets

1. **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr. to purchase a new extension ladder not to exceed \$1,500.00, 2nd Candace Rodrigues, AIF-MC**
2. Street sweeping will be scheduled for the week of April 22nd

Mayor

1. No report

Other Business

1. No other business

EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN: 7:53 PM OUT: 8:11 PM

While in executive session no motions or decisions were made

Motion by Kara Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM, 2nd Darren Thomas, AIF-MC

Respectfully submitted by Tracy L Csrenko, Secretary